

RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Information: Please be prepared before heading out on the trails. Water, bug repellent, sun screen, sturdy hiking shoes, hat, jacket, and gloves are recommended.

- 1. Please stay on designated trails and obey posted signs.
- 2. Observe wildlife from a safe distance.
- 3. Please put litter in designated receptacles.
- 4. Collecting, removing, or disturbing any animal, plant, or historical object is prohibited.
- 5. Possession of alcohol, controlled substances, firearms, and weapons is prohibited.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

General Information: Colorado weather can change suddenly. Keep an eye on the sky and watch for lightning and severe weather conditions developing.

- 1. Two blasts of an air horn - evacuate area. Proceed to the nearest shuttle pick-up location or the Visitor Center.
- 2. In the event of a tornado - seek shelter immediately. If in an open field, lay down in the nearest ditch.
- 3. For medical attention - contact the nearest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) employee or volunteer.

GENERAL FISHING INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS

I. Season Dates

- A. The 2004 Refuge fishing season shall extend from April 18 through October 10.
- B. Fishing will be permitted on Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. until sunset. Sunset times will be posted in the Visitor Center.

II. License Requirements

- A. A Colorado fishing or small game combination license is required for all persons 16 years of age or older who fish. A license is not required for persons under the age of 16.
- B. Anglers 18 years of age and older must possess this signed permit, Colorado State fishing license, and driver’s license while fishing at the Refuge.
- C. All anglers 18 years of age and older will receive and must display a Rocky Mountain Arsenal colored fishing badge at all times while fishing.

III. Optional Safety Equipment

- A. Anglers are not required to wear personal flotation devices (PFD), however, adult and youth sized PFD’s are available for anglers to check-out at the Visitor Center.

IV. Manner of Take and Other Regulations

- A. Fishing by any means other than rod and line or free pole are prohibited. Special casting aids and fishing devices are allowed for disabled individuals only.
- B. Fishing with artificial flies or lures only. Power-bait and scented bait is allowed. Live and cut bait are not allowed.
- C. Chumming, gigging, snagging, seining, or netting a non-hooked fish is prohibited.
- D. Fishing is prohibited with two or more hooks per line with the exception of commercially made lures which may incorporate multiple or treble barbless hooks.
- E. Fishing with barbed hooks is not permitted. Barbs must be clipped or pressed so as to feel smooth.
- F. Upon request by any Service or Army official, anglers must provide their CO fishing license, signed permit and driver’s license.

- G. Only catch and release fishing is allowed.
- H. Anglers are responsible for all actions taken by minors under their guidance.
- I. Swimming is prohibited.
- J. Pets are prohibited with the exception of visual aid dogs.
- K. Disturbance to wildlife or their habitat is prohibited.
- L. Picnics are prohibited, however, food and drink are permissible.
- M. Permitted anglers will remain on designated trails and will park vehicles in designated parking areas.
- N. Commercial guiding is prohibited.
- O. All trash will be placed in the proper trash receptacles or will be transported off the Refuge by the party responsible for the trash.
- P. Lakes Mary and Ladora are the only lakes open to fishing.
- Q. Glass containers (including beverage containers) with the exception of bait jars are prohibited.

SPECIFIC LAKE REGULATIONS

I. Lake Mary

- A. Fishing with artificial flies or lures only. Power-bait and scented bait are allowed.
- B. All cattail peninsulas are closed to angler entrance or fishing.
- C. Wading is prohibited.

II. Lake Ladora

- A. Fishing with flies or artificial bait only. Power-bait and scented bait are allowed.
- B. Wading with calf, hip, or chest waders is permissible.